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Science and mathematics teachers in high schools and small colleges will have a chance to increase professional background and improve teaching ability through a research participation program to be offered this summer at Montana State University, MSU officials announced.

The National Science Foundation is supporting the program at MSU and other selected schools with stipends and travel allowances for teachers, on the same basis as for the foundation's summer institutes program. The foundation will also supply support for cost of expendable supplies and institutional costs attributable to the teacher training aspects of research programs.

Dr. Ludvig G. Browman and Dr. Royal Bruce Brunson, both of the MSU Zoology Department, will direct the research activities of the summer program, which will be conducted on the MSU Missoula campus and the MSU Biological Station at Flathead Lake on dates to be announced. Dr. Browman has been named director of the program for administrative purposes.

Teachers accepted in the program will work alongside experienced scientific investigators in the laboratory or in the field. This work may be augmented by seminars or courses on scientific subjects and research techniques, according to the directors. The purpose of the program is to improve science teaching by giving teachers training that will make their classroom instruction more meaningful and stimulating, they said.

Teachers with adequate background in the subject-matter field, such as a master's degree or equivalent preparation, are eligible to participate, Dr. Browman said. He added that inquiries about the program should be addressed to him at Montana State University, Missoula.

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